(d) and (e) The imports from G-8 countries increased during the last three years in response to the growing demand for capital goods and inputs required to sustain the upswing in manufacturing sector growth in India.

Price Stabilization fund for Growers of Tea, Coffee, Rubber and Tobacco

2301. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1090 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price stabilization fund to provide relief to the growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco in the times of depressed prices has been withdrawn; and

(b) if not, year-wise break-up of funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Funds released to provide relief to growers during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as follows:

2004-05	—	Rs. 91.565 lakh
2005-06	—	Rs. 130.965 lakh

Takeover of Administration of deep sea fishery sector by MPEDA

2302. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Marine products Export Development Authority if going to takeover the administration of the deep-sea fishery sector from Agriculture Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposals for transfer of this subject are pending with MPEDA;

(c) the date by which this transfer of subjects will occur; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(e) There is no specific amount allocated for any State under the scheme. All the eligible units located in Orissa may avail the benefit of the scheme, since the scheme is applicable at an All-India level.

Awareness on intellectual property rights

2297. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 17000 patent applications have been filed in India as compared to over two lakh patent applications filed in China;

(b) if so, whether intellectual property rights awareness is very low in our industry; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken to create adequate awareness to file more applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The applications for patents filed in India during the financial year 2004-05 are 17,466. As per the information available from the website of Chinese Patent office 130,133 applications for patents were filed during the year 2004.

(b) and (c) In order to improve awareness regarding Intellectual property rights, Government has undertaken awareness and outreach activities in association with national and international organizations, industry associations and other agencies in the form of seminars, workshops and training programmes.

Hanover Technology Fair 2006

†2298. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to participate in the Hanover Technology Fair, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of institutions which are going to participate in this fair

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.